thereunder and inspect hospitals periodically. Provisions exist under sections 18 to 21 of the said Act to discourage any such activities.

Human embryo is not a human organ as per the definition given in the said Act.

Losses of public enterprises

375. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total projected loss of public enterprises in the year 2002-2003;

(b) why were these losses suffered by our Public Enterprises;

(c) whether it is because of the out-dated technology or lack of exit policy in the country; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to make public enterprises to generate wealth for the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Information in respect of projected loss by central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) is not being maintained centrally. However, as per Performance Budget 2001-2002 of the Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, the period till which the information is available, the total projected loss by 28 loss making CPSEs under the Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) is Rs. 533.11 crores as against a projected net profit of Rs. 679.96 crores earned by 12 profit making CPSEs under DHI. In case of remaining 8 CPSEs, no projections have been made. Thus, 48 CPSEs under DHI are likely to earn an aggregate net profit of Rs. 146.85 crores during the year 2001.2002 after adjustment of the above projected loss.

(b) and (c) The reasons for losses are enterprise specific. Some of these reasons include inherited sickness in case of taken over units from the private sector, obsolete plant and machinery, outdated technology, low capacity utilisation, excess manpower, financial recource crunch, high input costs, heavy interest burden, weak marketing strategies, lack of orders etc.

(d) The performance improvement is a continuous process. Enterprise specific steps are taken by the Administrative Ministries / Departments / Management of the PSUs from time to time. Some of the steps taken include

managerial and financial restructuring, upgradation of technology, modernization of plants and machinery, cost control measures, rationalization of manpower, improved marketing strategies etc. as the case may be.

Setting up of press information bureau at Jabalpur

†376. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up a Press Information Bureau at Jabalpur; and

(b) if so, by when this Bureau would be set-up by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Equity in Print Media

377. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to review the policy to disallow foreign equity in print media; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Government continues to be guided by the Cabinet Decision of 1955 which *inter-alia*, prohibits publication of foreign owned newspapers / periodicals in the country and Indian editions of foreign newspapers / periodicals dealing mainly with news and current affairs.

Autonomy to electronic media

378. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give autonomy to electronic media under Prasar Bharati with the States having a say in the running of the system; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.